



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ackermann

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Art Unit: 2835

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Serial No.: 10/672,840

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Examiner: Vortman, Anatoloy

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Filed: September 26, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is:  
Response To Restriction Requirement (2 pgs.), in response to Office Action dated  
February 19, 2004  
Transmittal Form (3 pgs.), in duplicate

## STATUS

2. Applicant

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claims small entity status.

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is other than a small entity.

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**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$43 = \$		x \$86 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

(a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$

### FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

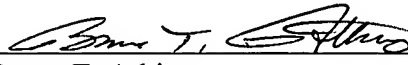
### FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. ☐ Other:

  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2004, Applicant hereby submits the following remarks:

**Remarks**

The Office Action mailed February 19, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are made in consequence thereof.

Claims 15-20 and 29-42 are now pending in this application.

An election of either Specie I, consisting of claims 17, 18, 29-33, 38, 39 and 42 as depicted on Figures 1, 2, 3 and 6; or Specie II, consisting of claims 19, 34-36, 40 and 41 as depicted on Figures 4 and 5, was imposed.

In response, Applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the invention of Specie 1. Claims 17, 18, 29-33, 38, 39 and 42 appear to read on the elected Specie I, and claims 15, 16, 20 and 37 are generic.